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EO 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GHORBAL BRIEFS PRESS

1. BBC CORRESPONDENT GORDON MARTIN TOLD USINTOFF THAT ASHRAF GHORBAL HAD HOSTED A LUNCHEON AND BACKGROUND BRIEFING SESSION FOR WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS IN CAIRO ON APRIL 2. THRUST OF BRIEFING WAS THAT EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT VERY FRUSTRATED AND UNHAPPY WITH USG AS RESULT OF EVENTS FOLLOWING HAFEZ ISMAIL' S VISIT TO WASHINGTON. LEAK OF INFORMATION ON NEW ARMS ARRANGEMENT WITH ISRAEL WAS CHARACTERIZED BY GHORBAL AS SLAP IN THE FACE. GHORBAL WENT ON TO SAY THAT WHEN GOE HAD ASKED US GOVERNMENT FOR CLARIFICATION ON REPORTS OF NEW ARMS DEAL WITH ISRAEL, USG HAD REPLIED THAT " NO EXPLANATION WAS CONSIDERED NECESSARY."

2. GHORBAL ALSO MADE THE POINT THAT ANY MILITARY ACTION ON  
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THE PART OF EGYPT TO RECOVER THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A DEFENSIVE ACTION. GHORBAL DID NOT THREATEN MILITARY ACTION AND REFUSED TO BE DRAWN INTO SPECULATION ON EGYPT'S NEXT MOVE. HE DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT THROUGH RECENT CONTACTS WITH EUROPEAN AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS, GOE HAD RECEIVED THE MESSAGE THAT EGYPT MUST DO SOMETHING ITSELF IF IT WISHES THE REST OF THE WORLD TO PAY ATTENTION TO THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM.

3. GHORBAL ALSO INDICATED IN REPLY TO A QUESTION THAT PREPARATIONS ARE UNDERWAY FOR A VISIT BY HAFEZ ISMAIL TO PARIS.

4. GHORBAL'S APRIL 2 BACKGROUNDER WAS APPARENTLY SOURCE OF DULLFORCE'S ARTICLE IN APRIL 3 WASHINGTON POST.  
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